Application No. 10/622,633
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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of binding a thermally settable marking to a substrate comprising:

(a)   positioning said marking on said substrate;

(b)   gradually heating said marking and said substrate *in situ* by periodically passing at least one heater in proximity to said substrate; and

(c)   allowing said marking to bind to said substrate when said marking is heated to a sufficiently pliable state,

wherein said gradual heating comprises providing a heating apparatus having a support frame extending over said marking, wherein said heater is mounted for movement on said support frame in a travel path which periodically passes over said marking to thereby gradually increase the temperature thereof.

2. - 6. (Cancelled)

7.   (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim [6]1, wherein said heater moves in a reciprocating motion in said travel path.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim [6]1, comprising a plurality of heaters coupled to said support frame.

9.   (Original) The method as defined in claim 8, further comprising a heat sensor for sensing the temperature of said substrate in the vicinity of said marking and a controller for controlling the operation of said plurality of heaters based on said temperature.

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10.   (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim [6]1, wherein the surface area of said substrate traversed by said heater during said travel path exceeds 10 square feet.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim [6]1, wherein visual monitoring of said marking is not obstructed by said heating apparatus when said heater is at a location in said travel path removed from said marking.

12.-14.(Cancelled)

15.-19.(Withdrawn)

20.   (Cancelled)

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